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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 7 to 12 July 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne on Danziger Strasse, Leipzig (N 52/E 21), was occupied by a guard detail of about 75 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and the rear detachment of an air force unit of about 75 soldiers. There was little traffic of motor vehicles.

2. During the period from 7 to 12 July, the last section of the Flak Kaserne on Highway 87 in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by a rear detail of a rocket launcher unit and another unit of about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, while the west section of the installation quartered an AAA unit of about 150 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity was noticed. There was little traffic of motor vehicles. Ambulance was parked at the gate of the installation. (2)

3. During the period from 7 to 12 July 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Torgauer Strasse in Leipzig-Meiterblick was occupied by a rear detail of about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and a few with motor transport insignia. Thirty soldiers organized into small groups received training at the adjoining training area. A tank was seen in a garage.

4. During the period from 1 to 8 July 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Highway 87 in Leipzig-Schoenau was occupied by about 70 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. Thirty-six soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets received drill at platoon level. No heavy weapons were noticed.

5. During the period from 4 to 10 July 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Highway 87, Leipzig-Schoenau, was occupied by about 60 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia. No heavy weapons were noticed.

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6. During the period from 4 to 10 July, the Flak Kaserne on Torgauer Strasse, Leipzig-Heiterblick, was occupied by about 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 60 percent with tank insignia. Twenty-two T-34 tanks were seen in the installation. On 7 July, 140 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were engaged in field training at squad level in the area east of the barracks installation.

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7. On 9 July 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Torgauer Strasse, Leipzig-Heiterblick, was only lightly occupied. Forty-eight unarmed soldiers received basic field training in the terrain southeast of the installation. Two T-34/85 tanks practiced driving.

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8. During the period from 1 to 10 July 1952, the Flak Kaserne on Highway 37 in Leipzig-Schoonau was occupied by only a rear detail. There was no activity in the installation.

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9. On 24 June 1952, the former ration supply depot on Danziger Strasse was occupied by a nationalized bakery which supplied troops exclusively. An undetermined number of horse-drawn vehicles and motor vehicles passed through the ration supply depot and entered the adjoining Train Kaserne.

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10. On 24 June 1952, the Train Kaserne on Olbricht Strasse was occupied by about 600 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Sixty unarmed soldiers were drilling, while 120 soldiers received instruction in the open and 60 soldiers were engaged in athletics.

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11. On 25 June, the Treitschke Kaserne on Olbricht Strasse was occupied by a unit wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. persons seen entering the southeast section of the barracks installation that an MVD office was located there. Record firing with submachine guns and carbines was performed at the firing range. Thirty soldiers were engaged in athletics, while 80 soldiers were inspected.

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12. On 23 June 1952, the military hospital on Danziger Strasse was lightly occupied by soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, red-bordered black epaulets and air force insignia.

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## Comments.

- (1) The occupation of the Hindenburg Kaserne appears unchanged.
- (2) This information confirms that units absent from the post include: the 94th RL Regt (US) of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps which probably still is in Kindel, the 19th Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which is in Koenigsbrueck, and components of the 13th AAA Div whose whereabouts could not be established. Units of the 13th AAA Div probably were in Altengrabow, Wustrow, Ohndruf and, possibly, Lossa. The motor vehicle belong to the 13th AAA Div, the 94th RL Regt (US) and the 8th Gds Mecz Div and/or replacement series of the 8th Gds Army and the First Gds Mecz Army.
- (3) This information again confirms that the bulk of the 21st Gds Mecz Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div which is believed to be in Koenigsbrueck is not in the Leipzig-Heiterblick barracks installation. This installation is probably occupied only by a rear detail and the repair shop carried there. Most of the motor vehicles seen belong to the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

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- (4) Further information is needed to determine the occupation of the Train Kaserne. A report in late January indicated that the installation quartered a transport unit of the GOFG. [REDACTED] two trucks which entered the Train Kaserne via the ration supply depot probably belong to a GHQ unit of the GOFG, while motor vehicle [REDACTED] in the Train Kaserne belong to the 8th Gds Hecz Div and/or a replacement series of the First Gds Hecz Army.
- (5) This information again confirms the MOB unit stationed in the Treitschke Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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